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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Riley Obenchain, Jr. of Woodstock, who passed away on November 30, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. was born on August 5, 1927; he grew up in Evanston; he married his loving wife, Elaine, in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. attended Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. worked for National Cash Register before embarking on a 60 year career as an investment adviser on LaSalle St. in Chicago; he retired in 2008 at the age of 81; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. was a longtime member of the Masons; he was also a member of the ETHS golf team and the YMCA Franklin Club; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. was an avid 3-cushion billiard player; he could catch monster muskies, fell massive elm and oak trees, lay cement, repair and refinish antique furniture, and cane chairs; he had a broad knowledge of history

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1 and the arts, especially classical music, and was a founding
2 member of the Mozart Society in Woodstock and the Paradise
3 Point Pickerel Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph Obenchain, Jr. was the dearly loved husband
5 of Elaine (nee Higgins); the adored father of Ralph Riley
6 Obenchain, III, Edith Obenchain (James), Samuel Obenchain
7 (Denise), Valerie McLeer, and Abigail Obenchain (William
8 Cole); the cherished grandfather of Mason, Avery, Jax, Eli
9 "Joe", Krista, Sammy, Milo, and Skyler; the brother of Gloria
10 O. Russell and Nancy Obenchain; and the son of the late Ralph
11 and Mabel; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ralph Riley Obenchain,
15 Jr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ralph Obenchain, Jr. as an
18 expression of our sympathy.